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Title: METHOD FOR PRODUCING A TRANSDUCER SLIDER WITH TAPERED EDGES

### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is a preliminary amendment to the patent application identified above. Please enter the following amendments to the claims.

### AMENDMENTS

#### IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-4, 14-16, 22, 34, 35, 39 and 40 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for producing a transducer slider, comprising [the steps of]:  
(a) coating a substrate with a radiation-sensitive layer;  
(b) imagewise exposing the radiation-sensitive layer to radiation according to an intensity pattern;